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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Y. Bronicki

Serial No.: 09/431,159

Group Art Unit: 1764

Filed: November 1, 1999

Examiner: R. Varcoe Jr.

For: **METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING HEAVY HYDROCARBON FEEDS**

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 13, 2001. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on May 13, 2001, a Sunday, thus extending the deadline to the next business day, May 14, 2001. Therefore, this response and amendment should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please amend the first full paragraph of page 4 of the